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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE POLICY PLANNING PAPER IS A USEFUL STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND WE PARTICULARLY ENDORSE THE STRESS LAID ON THE NEED IN AFRICA FOR INFRA-STRUCTURE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER MESSAGES FROM WASHINGTON WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT DAYS TRAVEL MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND IN MORE DETAIL. REFTEL A OF APRIL 11, AN AIDAC MESSAGE ENTITLED "PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR FY 1980," IS A GOOD SURVEY OF ASSISTANCE POLICY PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL FOR NWE DIRECTION. REF B, "ECONOMIC ISSUES OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE" PRESENTS 44 POSITION PAPERS ON THE FULL RANGE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH PRESENT AND FUTURE U.S. APPROACHES.

2. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, WE BELIEVE WE ARE IN GOOD
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SHAPE CONCERNING NEW DIRECTIONS WE MIGHT TAKE IN OUR ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA AND THAT WHAT WE NEED TO DEDICATE MORE ATTENTION TO IS IMPLEMENTATION.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE TWO AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY WHICH NEED STATE'S ATTENTION AND PLANNING. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE, AND CERTAINLY THE POLICY PLANNING

PAPER IS USEFUL TO THAT END, IMPROVED STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. GIVEN OUR OVERVIEW RESPONSIBILITY, WE NEED TO FIND WAYS WE CAN IMPROVE OUR DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO EFFICIENCY (READ IN PARTICULAR "SPEED") IN IMPLEMENTATION OF AID PROGRAMS. THERE HAVE BEEN PAST INDICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE WOULD BE RECEIVING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REGARDING HOW THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE ABLE TO INVOLVE HIMSELF MORE CLOSELY IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESSES OF ALL OTHER AGENCIES, INCLUDING AID. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ARE CLEAR GUIDELINES AGREED TO BY THE AID ADMINISTRATOR.

4. THE POLICY PLANNING PAPER ALLUDES TO THE PROBLEM BRIEFLY, BUT ANOTHER KEY AREA THAT DESERVES OUR ATTENTION IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORT FOR INNOVATIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN THE CONGRESS AND WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THIS SUPPORT HAS ELUDED US, AND IT IS ANYONE'S GUESS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE POST-PROPOSITION 13 ERA BUT IT IS AN AREA THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION AND IMAGINATION. REFTEL A DEALS WITH THE PROBLEM OF SUPPORT IN SOME DETAIL AND NOTES AID HAS PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO AID LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BROADEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HELPS THE RURAL POOR. THE DEPARTMENT DOUBTLESS IS GIVING ITS SUPPORT TO THIS AMENDMENT WHICH GOES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE POINT RAISED IN PARA 7 OF THE POLICY PLANNING PAPER.

5. IN SUMMARY, THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES WE ARE DOING FAIRLY WELL IN DEVELOPING NEW STRATEGIES AND THAT WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF INSTITUTIONS TO WORK WITH. WHAT IS NEEDED NOW IS IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE STRATEGIES AND INCREASED STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS.
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